

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: November 18, 2005,
10:00AM

LOCATION: Warren Township Government Center
Indianapolis

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)
Rodney Coats (General Public)
Myron Mackey (EMTs)
Michael Olinger, MD (Trauma Physicians)
Tim Davie (Municipal Fire)

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Garvey, Deputy Director
Brad Gavin, Agency Counsel
William Teeguarden, Administrative Law Judge
(ALJ)

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodney Coats. Chairman Coats expressed thanks to the Warren Township Administration for the use of the facility.

Deputy Director Mike Garvey announced that appointments to the commission should be made soon. He also stated that rumors to the effect that the EMS Commission is being dissolved are untrue.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Gary Miller offered a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Olinger. The motion passed. The minutes were approved as written. Chairman Coats thanked the responders to Katrina for their hard work.

STAFF REPORTS:**EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION REPORT**

First Responders certified this date:	6,665
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Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:	555
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Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:	15,246
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Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:	1,199
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Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:	52
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Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:	1,231
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Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:	111
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Paramedics to be certified this date:	72
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Paramedics currently certified:	2,600
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Paramedics recertified this date:	149
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Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate to be certified this date:	13
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Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate currently certified:	102
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Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate recertified this date:	7
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Temporary Certifications issued:

EMT-B:	15
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Advanced EMT:	0
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Paramedic:	2
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Drivers Certifications currently certified:	1157
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Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Tim Davie. The motion passed.

Tony Pagano introduced Joe Wainscott as the Director of Department of Homeland Security, Division of Training. Director Wainscott stated that he looked forward to working with the EMS organizations.

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Basic-Advanced, EMT-I, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization	6
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	18
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	16
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Intermediate organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	4
Ambulance Service Provider	100
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport	27
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	4
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Intermediate organization	1

Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	4
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	4
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	20
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization	4
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	7
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	51
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Advanced-Basic Organization Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization	2
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	35
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	4
Ambulance Service Provider, Rescue Squad	2
BLS Non-Transport Organization	317
BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	85
Rescue Squad Organization	5
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	14
Total Providers	765

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed.

EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

EMS Vehicle Inspections:	274
Provider/Hospital Applications Processed:	134
EMS Provider Visits:	238
EMS Provider Audits:	17
Hospital Visits:	49
Hospital Audits:	12
EMT Tests Proctored	13

Deputy Director Garvey thanked the EMS providers for their assistance and support during Indiana's response to Hurricane Katrina. He stated that Indiana has developed a good response system.

EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson reported that the database now contains five ((2001 – 2005)(1999, 2000, and 2005 are partial years) years of data for a total of 1,275,684 runs. He also stated that Medical Claims Assistance has been certified as compatible with the Indiana database. Mr. Nelson stated that provider organizations using FireHouse Software should contact Firehouse representatives at 1-800-921-5300 or 1-800-285-8685 for support agreements and software upgrades. Mr. Garvey pointed out to the CODES insert in the commission package, and he emphasized the importance of the data to pre-hospital care and patient outcome. Mr. Nelson also stated the importance of quality EMS data for better CODES linkage with crash and hospital data. He also commented on the NHTSA evaluation team October visit and their desire for Indiana's increased quality EMS data collection.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Advisory Committee

Steve Garrison reported that the Education Advisory Committee is making 1 recommendation to the EMS Commission:

#1 Recommend that the commission remove the minimum age requirement for First Responder certification.

Myron Mackey offered a motion to accept the committee's recommendation. Jane Craig expressed concern that a minimum age should be defined. Mr. Mackey amended his motion to establish the minimum age at 14 years of age. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed.

Deputy Director Garvey advised the commission that the National Registry was going to begin On-line Testing soon and the Agency is studying the impact of the cost of testing on the EMS candidate. He also reminded the commission that they would find a copy of the National EMS Scope of Practice in their commission packet.

Tactical EMS Workgroup

Charles Merimonti, M.D. presented the commission with a proposal core curriculum for tactical EMS responders. He also recommended that the current Non-Rule Policy on Tactical EMS be adopted as rule.

No action was taken and Deputy Director Garvey said that staff would work with the Operations and Education Committees regarding rules and training.

Advisory Taskforce on Trauma

Deputy Director Garvey reported that the taskforce has been meeting to discuss the development of a trauma system in Indiana. The Indiana Department of Health is taking the lead role.

LEGAL MATTERS

Pending Administrative Cases

Agency Counsel, Brad Gavin presented a list of pending administrative cases. No action by the commission was required.

Non-Final Order of the Administrative Law Judge

Cause No. 05-01, Jason Taylor – The ALJ modified his order dated February 28, 2005 to provide that the Certificate of Jason Taylor be suspended for a period of five years. If Mr. Taylor maintains his in-service training requirements and submits same to the Agency, he shall be eligible for reinstatement five years from the effective date of the order.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to affirm the Non-Final Order as it is written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed.

Mr. Mackey stated that EMS personnel need to know that what you do outside of the ambulance can hurt you.

Cause No. 05-02, Mark Wallace – The ALJ's Non-Final Order dated November 2, 2005, modified the agency's order dated February 28, 2005. The Paramedic and EMT Certificates #37681 issued to Mark Wallace is placed on probation from May 1, 2005 to June 1, 2006. Mr. Wallace must notify the agency of any change in provider affiliation. Mr. Wallace must submit a criminal history report in May of 2006. Any violation of the Order, of Administrative Law, violation or conviction of any criminal statute may result in additional penalties.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to affirm the Non-Final as it is written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed.

Cause No. 05-07, Mark Blakely, Mr. Blakely did not file a petition to review the Order of the ALJ filed on August 3, 2005. Therefore the Order becomes final and the EMT, Paramedic, and Driver Certificates of Mark Blakely are revoked for a period of seven years.

No action required.

Non-Final Order of Dismissal

Administrative Cause No. 03-09, New Carlisle Ambulance – The ALJ's issued a Non-Final Order of Dismissal since the organization is no longer in business.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to affirm the Non-Final Order of Dismissal. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.

Probationary Certifications Issued

The Agency has issued the following Probationary Certificates:

- Cause No. 18-2005, Nicholas Wallace, EMT #59873
- Cause No. 19-2005, Michael J. Beard, EMT #59874
- Cause No. 20-2005, Henry Harris, III, EMT #59868
- Cause No. 21-2005, Hollie (Lee) Humphreys, EMT & Paramedic #12287

Agency Issued Orders of Suspension

The agency has issued the following Orders of Suspension each for a period of 90 days:

- Order No. 18-2005, Richard Laue, EMT #37179
- Order No. 22-2005, Michael R. Musselman, EMT #45232

Renewed Emergency Orders of Suspension

The following Emergency Suspensions have been renewed:

- Order No. 11-2004, James M. Joyce, EMT #54080
- Order No. 12-2004, Christopher Nass, First Responder #FR48316
- Order No. 13-2004, Steven D. Doty, Paramedic #27591
- Order No. 14-2004, Boyce Freese, Paramedic #8217
- Order No. 14-2005, Eric Davis, Paramedic #41534
- Order No. 15-2005, Mark Cummins, EMT #48351

NEW BUSINESS

EMS Operations Staff Study on Pulse Oximetry

Sherrie Crain, EMS Operations Director presented the commission with a staff study regarding the use of pulse oximetry devices by BLS personnel. The study did not apply to EMT Basic Advanced personnel. The recommendation from staff was that the commission to affirm that pulse oximetry is not a skill that is in the Indiana/DOT Curriculum nor is it a device approved by the commission and should not be used by BLS services.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept staffs recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed.

EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVERS:

Provider Waiver Requests

Trans-Care, INC., Clay County, 836 IAC 2-2-1, twenty-four staffing on a paramedic ambulance

The provider wants to operate a paramedic ambulance with a First Responder as a driver, in Clay County, on an “as needed” basis.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the waiver.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed.

Mr. Mackey stated that the commission has given several waivers for First Responder drivers on paramedic staffed ambulances and requested that the Operations Committee study the issue.

ALCOA, Warrick County, Renewal of 836 IAC 2-2-1, twenty-four hour staffing on a paramedic ambulance

This is a renewal of a previous waiver.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the waiver.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Tim Davie. The motion passed.

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, Renewal of 836 IAC 1-3-5, patient stabilizing equipment and 836 IAC 1-3-3, the word “ambulance” on certified vehicles

Staff's recommendation is to approve the request.

Mr. Miller voiced concerns about the waiver of the word “ambulance.”

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.

Greene County EMS, 836 IAC 2-2-1 (f) a waiver of UHF communications for a paramedic organization.

Due to the terrain in Greene County the organization wants to use VHF with a repeater system. This request is in advance of filing the provider application.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the request.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.

Request for Medical Director Authorization to Allow EMTs to Utilize Glucometers

Deputy Director Garvey presented a request from Dr. Michael Shugar, Aurora and Dr. Fred L. Tanzer, Bright Vol. Fire, Franklin County to allow EMTs to use a glucometer to determine blood sugar and treat the patient at the scene.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Jane Craigin. The motion passed. The request is denied.

Provider Recertification Waiver Request, Renewal
Union City, Ohio, Fire Department, Renewal of 836 IAC 2-2-1(g) (l), twenty four hour paramedic coverage and 836 IAC 2-2-1(d), Indiana Certified Supervising Hospital

This is a renewal of an existing waiver.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the waiver.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davie. The motion passed.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and DIRECTION:
2006 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Friday, February 24, 2006
 Friday, May 19, 2006
 Friday, July 11, 2006
 Thursday, September 14, 2006(Conference Meeting)
 Friday, November 17, 2006

The location will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Mackey commented that the additional information contained in the Commission Packet is very interesting and suggested that it be shared with the various committees.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.